

TINKHAM BILL TO BE FAVORED

Indications Strong that Measure Affecting District Employees Will Be Reported.

CONFERENCE IS HELD

Civil Service Commission Explains that District Residents Would Be Given Preference.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.
Conference yesterday between members of the House District Committee, two of the District Commissioners, and others indicated that the Tinkham bill covering District employees under the civil service will receive a favorable report from the full District committee.

A letter from the Civil Service Commission removed a misapprehension that as in other civil service places, designations would have to be distributed over various States and Territories. It was made clear that while subject to civil service rules under the terms of the Tinkham bill, District positions would be filled as far as possible from residents of the District.

Probably the only bone of contention not ironed out at yesterday's conference involved the treatment of employees now in the service. The Tinkham bill seeks to cover them in without examination, and this is the policy urged by the Commissioners. Certain members of the committee, however, among them Chairman Vinson of the Judiciary subcommittee, were plainly in favor of forcing all present employees to stand examination for the continuance of their tenure and on even terms with applicants for their present positions.

Wilson Revoked Order.
In this connection it was pointed out that while President Taft, shortly before the expiration of his term, covered all fourth class postmasters into the civil service, to the intense disgust of several thousand "deserving Democrats" in Congress and out, President Wilson revoked that order and forced all then incumbents to stand for examination before covering into the civil service.

And in the minds of most, if not all members present, and therein lay the point of Judge Vinson's contention, arose the thought that he was a poor politician indeed who could not so arrange matters that a "deserving Democrat" not only passed the examination qualifying him for a fourth class postmaster, but obtained the necessary designation that followed—that is if the member of Congress from that District happened to be in the good graces of Postmaster General Burleson, Secretary McAdoo, Secretary to the President Tumulty, and, incidentally, the President himself.

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the Vinson proposal, declared that not only was it contrary to precedent established by a long line of civil service enactments, but that it would be distinctly unfair, inasmuch as the obvious advantage in proficiency obtained by one who had served years in a particular position, would avail him nothing in an examination along general lines.

This position also was taken by the two Commissioners, Mr. Burleson and Maj. Kuta. The Commissioners also opposed applying the provisions of the Tinkham bill to these District officers under whose jurisdiction come questions of policy.

The Commissioners questioned if a civil service test could be applied to admissions to the selection of laborers or workers at trades. Richard Henry Dana, of Boston, president of the National Civil Service Reform League, replied that these tests were applied in Boston.

Outlines Forms of Tests.
"In selecting an unskilled laborer, for instance," he explained, "we may take and throw fifty or more rocks and iron in a loose sack. The applicants are then required to shoulder this weight, and are marked upon the apparent ease with which they handle it."

"Or if we are selecting plasterers, we may put the applicants in a large room and mark off sections of the wall to be plastered, marking the applicants upon the excellency of the work they accomplish within a limited length of time."

Dr. Charles S. Emmons, of the East Washington Citizens' Association, spoke in opposition to the bill, claiming that satisfactory results were obtained under the present system.

A letter from Commissioner Newman showed that of the 4,550 District employees affected by the provisions of the Tinkham bill, 2,913 were males and 1,546 females.

The Town Crier

"Taxation and Preparedness" will be the subject of an address by H. Martin Williams at Public Library Monday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held under auspices of the Woman's Single Tax Club of the District. The public has been invited.

The Citizens Association of Chevy Chase will hold its regular meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Chevy Chase School. An illustrated lecture on the sewerage system of the District will be given by A. E. Phillips, superintendent of sewers.

The Pennsylvania Society of Washington will meet at the Perpetual Building, 1101 E street northwest, tonight at 8 o'clock. A special musical and literary program has been arranged for the occasion. This will be followed by dancing.

The Motet Choral Society, under direction of Otto Torney Simon, will give a concert at Memorial Continental Hall, Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Mrs. Otto Torney Simon and George H. Wilson will be at the piano.

The First Spiritualistic Church of Washington will hold special services Sunday afternoon and evening in observance of the sixty-eighth anniversary of spiritualism. Addresses will be made by Mrs. M. T. Langley, George W. Kates, Miss L. J. Hinson, and Mrs. Z. B. Kates.

Washington Camp, No. 305, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will meet April 11 in Confederate Memorial Hall, 1322 Vermont avenue. "The Relation of Secession to the United States Constitution" will be the subject of an address by Maj. E. W. Ewing. William C. Black will speak on "Diverging Lines of Progress: Economic Development, South and North, to 1832." The meeting also will mark the anniversary of the birth of Stonewall Jackson.

"Peter the Great and Frederick the Great, Two Progenitors of the Present World War," will be the subject of a lecture by Miss Janet Richards at Rauscher's tonight at 8 o'clock, under auspices of Mary Washington Chapter of the D. A. R., and for the benefit of the patriotic and relief work of the D. A. R.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, will be the principal speaker at the Grover Cleveland Community Forum meeting at Public Library tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. President A. J. Driscoll will preside. Representative Rainey will speak on the tariff commission proposed in the bill recently introduced by him in Congress.

Five hundred Presbyterians will go to Baltimore today to hear Billy Sunday. The party will go in two sections. The first will leave at 11:30 o'clock and arrive in time for the afternoon service. The second will leave at 5:30 o'clock and will leave Baltimore on the return trip at 10 o'clock.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Washington Board of Trade will be held at 4:15 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The committee on public schools of the Washington Board of Trade will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to consider the community forum question. Frank S. Fanning is chairman of this committee.

At the meeting of the Society for Philosophical Inquiry, to be held at Public Library this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, Dr. J. S. Lemon will present a paper on "The Fixation of Terminology in Philosophy," to be followed by the usual discussion.

At its meeting at Pythian Temple tomorrow afternoon the Washington Secular League will be addressed by Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby, corresponding secretary of the Federal Suffrage Association, who will take as her topic the great pioneer of the feminist and woman suffrage movement, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The meeting will be open to the public.

A gospel temperance service will be held in Stanley Hall, Soldiers' Home, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The song service will be under direction of H. D. Gordon and Miss Clara Nelson. The address will be by Herbert W. Kline, superintendent of the Gospel Mission.

A musical for the blind will be given in pavilion 7, at the Library of Congress on Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock by Miss Grace Voorhes, Miss Susie L. Duffy, Wade Mitchell, Miss Harriet Stone, Miss Estelle Levia, Robert I. Swann, Miss E. Louise Patterson, French Hufty, Thomas Dunlap, John McDonald, Miss Catherine A. Grady, and Miss Nellie Winkelman.

MILTON LANDY PETED.

Reception Held in Honor of Son of Samuel H. Landy.

On Sunday evening, March 26, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Landy, residing at Shepherd street and Georgia avenue northwest, held a reception in honor of the thirteenth anniversary and confirmation of their son, Milton, which was attended by a host of friends and relatives.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Max Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Schlossberg, Mr. and Mrs. Myer Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Lofon Cohen, Mrs. Julius Cohen, Mrs. Loving, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Rosenthal, Miss Pauline Rosenthal, Moses Rosenfeld, Miss Goldberg, Miss Gertrude Landy, Miss Mary Grossman, Benjamin I. Landy, Gilbert M. Landy, William Roberts, Louis Zinnberg, Leon Schlossberg, A. Goldberg, Maurice Bildman, D. Penn, and Mr. and Mrs. Bremen, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Beginning this morning Saks & Company, Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street northwest, will inaugurate a boys' library in connection with the boys' department of the store. Each woolen suit or reefer purchased by or for a boy will entitle the boy to one of the latest boys' books by the most popular authors.

It is the plan of the management of the store to give a boy one book on the occasion of the purchase of the first suit or reefer. This book can be returned

when it has been read through and another secured. The library will be conducted somewhat on the plan of circulating libraries. The purchase of a second suit or reefer will entitle the boy to another new book. It was stated yesterday there would be no limit to the number of times a book could be exchanged.

"The library will be started with nearly 1,000 books, all by the best authors of this class of work. The library is installed on the second floor in the boys' department.

Among the books are those of "The Boy Allies with the Army," by Clair W. Hayes, and "The Boy Allies with the Navy," by Ensign Robert L. Drake. The army series include "The Boy Allies at the Front," "The Boy Allies at the Rear," "The Boy Allies at the Trenches," "The Boy Allies on the North Sea Patrol," "The Boy Allies Under Two Flags," "The Boy Allies

with the Flying Squadron," and "The Boy Allies with the Terror of the Sea." A series by Horace Porter is entitled "Our Young Aeroplane Scouts Series." The stories are of two remarkable American aviators in the European war zone.

The library includes all of the works of Horatio Alger and G. A. Henry, who probably are liked better than any other two authors of juvenile literature. Other books and series are: "The Boy Chum" series, by Wilmer M. Ely; "The Flying Machine Boys," by Frank Walton; "The Famous Boy Scout" series, by Herbert Carter; "The River Motor Boat Boys," by Harry Gordon; "The Big Five Motorcycle Boys" series, by Ralph Marlow; "The Broncho Rider Boys" series, by Frank Fowler; "The Boy Spies" series, and "The Navy Boys" series.

After a long investigation a French scientist has declared that tuberculosis can be transmitted by the perspiration of a person afflicted with the disease, the germs passing through the pores.

INVENTOR RESIGNS FROM MINES BUREAU

Dr. Walter F. Rittman Quits Federal Service to Develop Important Chemical Processes.

Dr. Walter F. Rittman, chemical engineer of the Bureau of Mines, and inventor of the new process for obtaining a much greater yield of gasoline from crude oil, and also of the process for obtaining toluol, needed in the manufacture of high explosives and dyestuffs from the same source, has tendered his resignation to Director Van H. Manning of the bureau.

Dr. Rittman, in accordance with a previous agreement, has assigned the two

patents for his process to Secretary of the Interior Lane as trustee in behalf of the public. Dr. Rittman has been prevailed upon to act as consulting chemical engineer for the bureau, to devote what time he can to the government service.

In giving reasons for his resignation, Dr. Rittman said: "I feel by my resignation I can bring to a quicker commercial culmination, on a large scale, the two processes of which I am the inventor."

Director Manning, in referring to the matter yesterday, said: "Rittman's resignation is but one of the many losses sustained by the bureau since the European war commenced. In that time, the bureau has lost more than thirty technical men, chemists and engineers, among them some of the most valuable men of the organization. The war with its cutting off of several very necessary imports such as dyestuffs, potash, etc., has caused much loss to the country to a weakness in the possibilities of American en-

deavor along these lines, and it seems as if the day of the chemist has come."

WOULD EXEMPT D. A. R. LAND.

Senate District Committee Reports Favorably on Bill.

The bill introduced by Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, exempting from taxation property in Washington from taxation reported favorably from the Senate District Committee yesterday. Under the terms of the bill, D. A. R. property has the same exemptions as church and school property.

A bill regulating the practice of pediatrics, or the treatment of diseases of the feet, in the District of Columbia, will be introduced shortly by Senator Smith, of Maryland, chairman of the Senate District Committee.

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